

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Stephanie Trifone of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PROTOCOL TO TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION WITH DENMARK

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 1, the Protocol Treaty of Friendship Commerce, and Navigation with Denmark; that the protocol be advanced through its various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of ratification, and that there now be a division vote on the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

A division has been requested.

Senators in favor of the resolution of ratification will rise and stand until counted.

Those opposed will rise and stand until counted.

On a division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification is agreed to.

The resolution of ratification agreed to is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark to the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation of October 1, 1951, signed at Copenhagen on May 2, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108-8).

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate now return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 354.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 354) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 354) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 354

Whereas 35 years ago, on October 18, 1972, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92-500) were enacted;

Whereas those amendments formed the basis of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) (commonly known as the "Clean Water Act"); the principal Act governing water pollution in the United States;

Whereas substantial improvements to the water quality of the United States have resulted from a successful partnership among Federal, State, and local governments, the private sector, and the public;

Whereas, since 1972, the Federal Government has provided more than \$82,000,000,000 to States and communities for wastewater infrastructure and other assistance;

Whereas clean water is a natural resource of tremendous value and importance to the United States;

Whereas there is resounding public support for the continued protection and restoration of United States rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and marine waters;

Whereas maintaining and improving water quality is essential to protecting public health, fisheries, wildlife, and watersheds, and for ensuring abundant opportunities for public recreation and economic development;

Whereas it is the responsibility of all levels of government and all citizens to ensure the availability of clean water for future generations;

Whereas water pollution problems persist throughout the United States, and significant challenges lie ahead in the effort to protect and restore the water resources of the United States;

Whereas in the most recent National Water Quality Inventory of the 19 percent of the nations' rivers and streams assessed 45 percent of rivers and streams were impaired, of the 37 percent of the nation's assessed lakes, ponds and reservoirs, 47 percent were impaired and of the 35 percent of the nation's assessed bays and estuaries, 32 percent were impaired; the remainder of the assessed waters met their intended uses;

Whereas further development and innovation of water pollution control programs and advancement of water pollution control research and technology are necessary and desirable; and

Whereas October 18, 2007, is the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) (commonly known as the "Clean Water Act"); Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, as the United States marks the 35th anniversary, on October 18, 2007, of the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Public

Law 92-500), which formed the basis for the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) (commonly known as the "Clean Water Act"), it is the sense of the Senate that all citizens of the United States and all levels of government should—

(1) recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the United States under that Act; and

(2) recommit to achieving the objectives of that Act of restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the waters of the United States.

LAURENCE C. AND GRACE M. JONES POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3233, and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3233) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3233) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 2131, the Senate companion, be discharged from the Homeland Security Committee and be placed on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Madam President, Monday night—my announcement to everyone here today—could be that we have a significant number of votes. It is very likely we will certainly have more than one vote and we hope that vote will start around 5:30. Senators HARKIN and SPECTER have worked together and their staffs have worked together trying to come up with what they can clear. They have Monday during the day to work on this also. We are going to try to clear most everything out Monday night so we can finish the bill Tuesday, as agreed upon.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it